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Re: Transfer of Funds – Regional Study Centers

Dear Members of the Iowa General Assembly:

The 2012 General Assembly appropriated a total of \$283,848 to the three regional study centers with allocations as shown in the table below. Furthermore, SF 2321, §6, authorized the Board of Regents "to transfer moneys between centers if the Board notifies, in writing, the General Assembly and the Legislative Services Agency of the amount, the date, and the purpose of the transfer." At its meeting on August 2-3, 2012, the Board of Regents approved the transfer of \$95,263 from the Quad Cities Graduate Center to the Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center. The funding allocations and objectives for the regional study centers for FY 2013 are effective July 1, 2012.

	FY 2013 Allocation	FY 2013 Transfer/ Adjustment	Revised FY 2013 Allocation
Quad Cities Graduate Center	\$129,776	-\$95,263	\$34,513
Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center	\$87,471	+\$95,263	\$182,734
Tri-State Graduate Study Center.	\$66,601	No change	\$66,601
Total	\$283,848	\$0	\$283,848

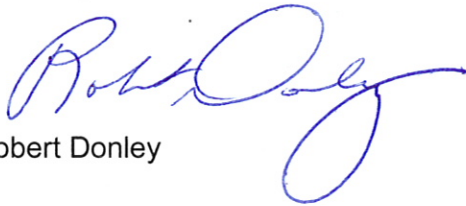
Purpose of Transfer:

- ❖ Decrease of \$95,263 from the Quad Cities Graduate Center for a FY 2013 revised allocation of \$34,513. The reduced funding is consistent with the level of direct services provided to Regent university students. The bulk of the Center's budget is allocated to administrative overhead. The majority of graduate programs available to students in the Quad Cities area rely on on-line delivery education. The value added by the Center is limited because the services it provides to the universities and their students are duplicative of services already provided by the universities, including registration and support services.
- ❖ Increase of \$95,263 to the Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center for a FY 2013 revised allocation of \$182,734. The Center re-located to the campus of Iowa Western Community College in Summer 2011. The objective of the relocation was to enhance the Regent universities' presence in the region, build a stronger connection with the community colleges, and increase the connection with prospective students interested in

either distance or residential programs. The increased funding will be used to hire an instructor/coordinator with both teaching and oversight responsibilities. The academic area that will be selected jointly by the community colleges and the Regent universities will address the instructional needs of community college students, especially in the STEM fields.

I look forward to addressing the goals of the Board of Regents' 2010-2016 Strategic Plan related to distance education through this new approach. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert Donley

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